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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION JUDY A. JEFFREY, DIRECTOR

## Bureau of Student and Family Support Services Grow Your Own Iowa Public School Speech-Language Pathologist Student Scholarship Opportunities

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Iowa Department of Education has partnered with the Iowa Area Education Agencies (AEAs) who provide speech and language services to school districts in Iowa to recruit highly qualified professionals to deliver speech-language therapy.

The Iowa Department of Education is aware of the possible impact the critical shortage of school-based speech-language pathologists (SLPs) could have on children with disabilities. We are proud to announce that we have taken action by offering four \$3,000.00 *Grow Your Own SLP School Therapy Career Scholarships\** to high performing master's level students who agree to work as SLPs in the schools after they graduate. The scholarship can be used to support the student's educational expenses including tuition, books, clinical materials, and school living expenses.

Candidates must be enrolled for full time study in the accredited graduate degree program at the University of Iowa or University of Northern Iowa and graduate by the end of the current academic school year. Candidates must request that an administrator or faculty member in the speech-language pathology department complete the attached Confidential Reference Form. References will be verified by phone prior to awarding the scholarship. Applicants must also contact and schedule a visit to one of the AEA as part of the application process (see attached AEA contact information).

Application deadline is as follows:

• May 15th, 2009 to apply for the Spring 2009 Scholarships

A panel consisting of the Iowa Department of Education Speech-Language Consultant and Area Education Agency Staff will conduct reviews. Awards will be based on quality of materials submitted and all decisions are final.

Awardees must agree to work in the AEA that awards the scholarship for one year following graduation. The scholarships will be announced on or about the following date:

• June 5th, 2009 (Spring 2009 Scholarships)

\*Four students will receive one scholarship each and must agree to full-time employment in AEA 8 or AEA 15 for one year after graduation. Applicants are expected to schedule an onsite visit to each one of the AEA's as part of the application process.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

[] Student Applicant Information Form [ ] Confidential Reference Form (To be completed and submitted by a department

All information must be received before the scholarship is awarded. Awards will be based on quality of materials submitted. Complete applications must be received by the following dates:

administrator or faculty member in your university program.)

Complete and submit the following application materials:

• May 15th, 2009 to apply for the Spring 2009 Scholarships

### Submit completed application materials to:

Frank Forcucci MS, CCC-SLP Iowa Department of Education Bureau of Student and Family Support Services 400 E 14th Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa. 50319-0146

Phone: 515-281-3572 Fax: 515-242-6019

Students who receive the scholarships must work within one of the following AEAs:

Prairie Lakes AEA 8 Great Prairie AEA 15 PO Box 802 2814 N. Court Street 500 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Ottumwa, IA 52501 Pocahontas, IA 50574 Ph 641-682-8591 ext. 2115 Ph 712-335-3588/Fax 712-335-5871 /Fax 641-682-9083

Contact: Contact: Gerald Stremel Melody Raub **Executive Director** 

Regional Special Education Director jstremel@aea8.k12.ia.us

melody.raub@gpaea.k12.ia.us

## STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Applying for: Winter 2008	Due: February 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Student Name:	
Preferred Mailing Address:	
Daytime Phone Evening or Mobile Phone:	
E-mail address:	
Attending University:	
University Contact Information (City, State, Zip, Phone	e):
Anticipated Date of Degree Completion (Month/Year) D	Degree Title
G.P.A.	
Clinical experiences to date, including within the school	setting:
What are the primary rewards and challenges for SLPs	who work in the school setting?
What is your personal vision of your professional career	r as a school-based SLP?
Please briefly describe your visit to AEA 8 or AEA 15 arpart of their SLP staff:	nd why you would enjoy being a
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information accurate. I also certify that I have read and understand the T scholarship competition.	
Applicant Signature	Date

### Iowa Department of Education Grow Your Own Iowa Public School Speech-Language Pathologist Scholarship Opportunities

## CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Dear Program Administrator/Instructor:

Signature

The Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Area Education Agencies are committed to encourage graduate students who are majoring in speech-language pathology to select the public school setting as their primary place of employment. We are proud to announce that we are taking action by offering \$3,000.00 scholarships to four master's level students who agree to work in the schools after they graduate at the end of this current school year.

Please complete and return this confidential reference CCC-SLP	nce to: Frank Forcucci M.S.,
	Iowa Department of Education Bureau of Student and Family Support Service 400 E 14th Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa. 50319-0146 515-281-357
University:	Frank.Forcucci@iowa.go
Name: Title	e:
Is your program accredited by the American Spec	ech-Language-Hearing Association?
Is this student pursuing a master's degree in your	program?
Is the student in good academic standing within y	our program?
Will the student be enrolled full-time in the prograpplying for the "Iowa Grow Your Own SLP Sch	
Has this student expressed a serious interest in a	career in the school setting?
Has this student taken coursework to prepare him	n or her for the school setting?
Does the student possess the qualifications and sk	ills to succeed in the school setting?
Would you recommend this student for the "Iowa Scholarship"?	ı Grow Your Own SLP
Briefly describe why you believe this student qual	lifies for this scholarship.
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the i accurate.	nformation submitted in this reference is

**Date**